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LABOR NEWS OF ALL COUNTRIES

Workshops of Italy Have Long Hours for Three-fourths of Employees
—New York Garment Workers Aid Strikers in Cleveland
—Nearly a Million and a Half Railroad Employees in This Country—High Wages Paid Union Men in New York.

Illinois claims 500,000 unionists. Chicago has 6,000 union bricklayers.

Europe employs 1,119,413 school teachers.

London, Eng., contains 10,000 professional musicians.

There are 14,000 union building laborers in the United States.

Constantinople masons and house carpenters have formed a union.

Thirty-five states have established bureaus of labor statistics.

In India the farm hand receives \$1.08 a month.

New York has established the first American industrial farm colony for the unemployed.

In France, the people who are employed in the cultivation of the vine number 7,000,000.

Illinois has authorized the appointment of a woman investigator of domestic employment agencies.

Wisconsin may have a system of state life insurance in operation within the next few months.

In factories and workshops in Italy more than three-fourths of the employees work 16 to 17 hours.

More than \$200,000 contributed by New York garment workers has been divided among Cleveland strikers.

In 1898 the total number of railroad employees in this country was 1,451,900.

With the exception of the textile workers, the garment workers' trade, has the highest death rate of females from consumption.

Baden's railway administration has organized canteens for the supply at moderate prices of non-alcoholic drinks to the workers.

Tokyo, Japan, municipality has decided to open labor exchanges throughout the city where employees can find help when needed.

The South is beginning to get its share of the foreign labor that is being imported into this country and in many instances it is taking the place of the southern negro.

England's National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives, having adopted a label to be placed upon the product of its members, has instituted an active label campaign.

Letter carriers of Cleveland have started a campaign to lower the cost of living, and have called a meeting to discuss a co-operative plan of purchasing household supplies.

The carpenter's organizations of Bakersfield, Cal., have secured the greater portion of \$28,000, which is to be expended in the construction of a three-story labor temple.

Some 12,000 textile workers in Bohemia are out on strike. The negotiations have so far resulted in the employers agreeing in principle that an increase of wages is to be given.

It is claimed that the railroads in this country have relief association liabilities amounting to \$200,000,000.

Some of the associations have been in operation for twenty-five years.

The following daily wages are paid in Jerusalem: Unskilled labor, 24 to 40 cents; carpenters, 52 cents to \$1.05; masons, as high as \$1.60; stone cutters, 12 to 14 cents.

The average earnings a day of union men employed in New York during the first quarter of 1911 was \$3.26 as against \$3.18 last year, and was the highest on record.

The American Federation of Labor today has the largest membership ever in its history. It is physically stronger, its effectiveness greater, and its prospects for the coming year most flattering.

More than \$3,000,000 was spent in the last two years by the United Mine Workers of America to keep men in idleness, Nova Scotia received the largest amount of the strike benefits, the total reaching well over \$1,000,000.

Further troubles are brewing in the textile and leather industries of Sweden, about fifty agreements in the textile trades are to come to an end on December 31st and in twenty-five leather factories the workmen are under notice.

An arrangement has been made between the Central Molders' Union of Scotland and the International Molders' Union of North America by which the two organizations will in future exchange membership cards.

St. Paul, Minn., Steam Engineers' Union has made arrangements for a

course of practical and technical lectures bearing on the work of the craft to be delivered in meetings of the unions during the coming winter.

At the next meeting of the United Mine Workers a resolution proposing withdrawal from the American Federation of Labor will be introduced, and may result in the big new organization cutting loose all affiliations.

The usual hours of work in Japan are twelve a day. Males of 14 get from 16 to 25 cents a day, and under 14 from 4 to 10 cents a day.

Males over 14 are paid from 10 to 14 cents a day, and under 14, 5 to 9 cents a day.

In a normal year one-half of the adult male wage-earners east of the Rockies and North of the Ohio get less than five hundred dollars each, and three-fourths of them less than six hundred dollars; while three-fifths of the adult female wage-earners get less than three hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Wages for unskilled labor in Mexico, which ten years ago were about 25 cents a day and have since slowly risen by a few cents have now been raised to 50 and 60 cents. This applies particularly to mining and railway work.

In most European countries there is a law making it illegal for manufacturers to employ women two weeks before giving birth to a child. After childbirth the law likewise provides that the women must stay at least four weeks at home. In some countries the period is much longer.

The Labor Co-partnership Association now embraces 111 societies in Great Britain. The capital of these societies is approximately \$10,000,000, and their trade amounts to nearly \$22,000,000 per annum. The last return shows that \$121,395 was divided among the workers as their share of the profits.

Railroad Employees Relief Association, it is stated, will not be disturbed by the proposed employers' liability legislation to be submitted to congress this winter by the Congressional committee on employers' liability and workmen's compensation.

Miners of the Pennsylvania anthracite region in convention decided to make a demand for an increase in wages, the eight-hour day, and recognition of the union, after the contract expires in March next. Other demands were also formulated, one regarding the weighing of coal, and the check-off system.

Because the present convention of the American Federation of Labor has granted the United Brotherhood of Carpenters everything it had asked in the matter of compulsory amalgamations, this organization, with a membership of 200,000, has agreed to re-enter the building trades department and abide by its decisions.

British postal workers have been for some time now moving strongly in favor of better conditions. Mass meetings are taking place from week to week all over the country and the seven or eight unions comprised in the Postal Workers' Federation are united in support of their common demands.

James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists, who will be succeeded in that office in January by William Johnston, of Washington, elected last September, probably will become an organizer for the metal trades department of the A. F. of L., of which he has been elected president.

Every year there are in England three important labor conventions. There are the annual British Trade Union convention, the annual meeting of the General Federation of Trade Unions, and lastly, the annual convention of the Labor party. This latter is due to be held in Birmingham in January.

There is a tendency in the Knights of Labor Cutters to seek affiliation of some sort with the United Shoe Workers of America, and if it should be decided about the stock fight would follow suit. The independent unions, with perhaps one exception, have acknowledged that they favor such a coalition of all the shoe-working unions.

Colorado, Vermont and West Virginia have passed laws giving fourteen years at the age limit below which children may not work, while Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey and Wisconsin have either added new territory in the applications of the law or extended the protection to other industries. California and Oregon established a 15-year minimum age limit for general child labor with some exceptions.

Vienna, Austria, telephone and telegraph workers have commenced a very necessary wage movement. If, as has been stated, \$3.75 a week is considered a high wage among these state employees. They demand a substantial increase, settlement of various questions as to their legal position, and that after seven years' service a man should be considered as permanently engaged.

Diamond workers of Amsterdam have secured the eight-hour day from October 1 last; this is also the date on which the eight hour day will be worked in this trade in France and Switzerland, while Germany will follow on January 1 next. The diamond workers in America and those of Antwerp already secured this reduction of hours some time back. This is probably the first trade that has secured the eight hour day as an internationally observed institution.

—A. J. EISSING.

PROPOSED BILL TO AID FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A plan to enable agricultural colleges throughout the country to do extension work by bringing to the farmers of their respective communities the best methods of intensive agriculture is contemplated in a bill that will be introduced in congress after the holidays.

The leading spirit in this movement is Howard Grosse of Chicago, president of the National Soil Fertility league.

The object of this latest agricultural

propaganda is to bring the farmers into personal touch with soil experts with a view to largely increasing the output of the farm.

The bill contemplated will ask an annual federal appropriation at first of \$500,000, or about half a cent per capita, this appropriation gradually to be increased for five years until a maximum of \$5,000,000 has been reached. Estimates show that the expense of maintaining a soil expert in every agricultural county in the United States would not exceed 10 cents per capita per year.

TRADE REVIEW

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say tomorrow:

The betterment in industrial and trade conditions, signs of which have been visible to close observers for two months, has now become plain to all, and now is reflected by the expansion in bank clearings and railroad earnings, the big uplift in the iron and steel trade, the advance in copper, the increased activity in dry goods, the brisker demand for money and in the confidence inspired by the record-breaking cotton crop of upwards of 15,000,000 bales. Business men are disposed to move ahead and the situation as the year draws to a close is so much more encouraging as to be the year's most conspicuous development.

The holiday trade notably is active in all the large cities.

This retail activity, coupled with the unusually warm weather and the end of the year accounting, operates to make wholesale operations slower, but there has been no real check to the expansion in business.

The outlook for the new year is exceedingly promising. In the dry goods trade the most notable development is the betterment in woollens and worsteds. Silks also are stronger. Leather is dull, but prices are firm. Hides are weak. The November statement of the United States Steel corporation was particularly favorable.

Bradstreet's.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Bradstreet's will say tomorrow:

Two features stand out prominently in the week's trade news—the admittedly active holiday trade at most leading points and the undeniably better undertone in iron and steel, the price advances being significant in connection with finished steel.

On the other hand, trade in other lines has receded a little.

In fact, a general survey indicates that the weather has been too mild for a free distribution of seasonable goods at retail, while the jobbing trade has been confined mainly to filling in orders for fancy articles suitable for holiday requirements. Incidentally, clearance sales of staple goods at retail are being pressed at an earlier date than usual.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending December 14 were 306, against 287 last week and 290 in the like week of 1910.

TO GIVE AWAY "MAINE" RELICS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Portions of the wreck of the battleship Maine, now being cleared of mud and debris in Havana harbor, are to be donated to cities, patriotic societies and the survivors or heirs of survivors of the Maine, under a plan presented to the house today in the urgent deficiency bill.

The bill carries \$2,270,000. It authorizes and additional appropriation of \$150,000 for raising the Maine, making a total appropriation of \$900,000 for that purpose.

The bill would authorize the secretary of war to "give some portion of the wreck" to the republic of Cuba for incorporation in a public monument to be erected in Havana. It would also authorize the secretaries of war and the navy to donate pieces of the battleship or its equipment or the property found in it to "any municipality of the United States or to the former officers or crew of the Maine, or their heirs, or representatives."

The urgent deficiency bill will be rushed through the house tomorrow, it is expected, and passed in the senate early next week. The money now in hand will be used up by the war department on Dec. 30, at the present rate of work and the department officials have advised the appropriation committee that if the wreck is to be towed to the United States, an additional expense of \$100 a day will be necessary.

The bill includes \$500,000 for further work in the census bureau, a cut of 50 per cent from the estimate; \$250,000 to complete two revenue cutters now building at Newport News, for which \$150,000 was appropriated last year; \$154,000 mileage for members of the house; \$47,000 mileage for senators; \$55,916 for public buildings and \$27,320 for the department of engraving and printing because of the unexpected demand for new small bills.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Taft and his cabinet were today given a demonstration of how the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor. Rear Admiral Vreeland and Chief Constructor Watt of the navy, both members of the Maine investigating board, staged the show.

A model of the Maine, constructed in Havana, and brought here, was placed on the mahogany table in the cabinet room and Mr. Taft and his advisers watched closely while the two naval officers examined it.

The Maine was shown riding at anchor in Havana harbor. Suddenly was a ruin in exact reproduction of the Maine as she lay on the bottom after the explosion.

KANSAS CITY HAS PROFITABLE LOAN AGENCY

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Kansas City's municipal loan agency, conducted by the board of public welfare, made loans aggregating \$57,064.25 during the year just ended, according to a statement issued by Manager O. S. Carman.

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